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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NWMP-2 Intelligence Working Group Meeting of 21 April 1983

1. I attended the weekly meeting of the NWMP-2 Intelligence Working Group (IWG) at the Pentagon on 14 April 1983. The Chairman, Ms. Tish Vajta, apprised the Working Group members of the NWMP-2 schedule in light of NSDM-85. She said that Dr. Wade had decided to hold to the 1 July completion date, but would delay forwarding his final report "to the White House" until 1 December, following submission of the NSDM-85 report. [REDACTED]

This would allow the Chairman to forward a supplemental status report to Dr. Wade on 1 November for any ongoing NWMP-2 or Reconnaissance Systems Review studies. According to Ms. Vajta, she plans to reduce the number of Working Group meetings after completion of the final report in July, to enable sufficient time for all concerned to review the report and provide comments. The question of formal Agency concurrence on the final report surfaced again. Ms. Vajta stated that she did not intend to ask for formal concurrence at the Working Group level, but would seek concurrence from the principals when the report is presented to the Executive Review Board. [REDACTED]

2. Three briefings were presented, as follows:

- Colonel Russ Mannix briefed on White World sensors and their supporting C³ structure. [REDACTED]
- Fred Fear, AAC, briefed on a concept of evaluating the qualitative performance of various collection disciplines and mixes of disciplines in satisfying the different essential elements of information. (See Attachment A.) Mr. Fear plans to develop a quantitative evaluation first, then proceed to a qualitative evaluation. He acknowledged that the system is quite complex and highly subjective. I question the utility of such an approach, and the wisdom of assigning such a task to an outside contractor. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] of the C³I staff, presented a progress report on one of the Reconnaissance System Review recommended studies, Military Operational Concepts and Requirements. He noted that since the military operational concept was not clearly defined, he had undertaken the task of defining the various steps involved in the decision-making process in the event of a nuclear attack on the U.S. (Attachment B). [REDACTED]

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- The DIA representative, [REDACTED], questioned the approach, 25X1
and added that what was really needed in the area of requirements
and military operational concepts was a definition of requirements
for surviving elements of US strategic forces following a massive
Soviet nuclear strike on the US. He stated that existing
requirements and targetting were based on the peacetime status of
the US strategic force, and would be significantly different if the

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Attachments:

A-Charts

B-World Conflict Model Overview

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